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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lloyd

SUBJECT : Special Procedure for Approval of Certain Regulatory Issuances

1. As you recall, I had previously indicated that although this paper essentially outlined the approach you had agreed to in a meeting with Messrs. [REDACTED] it did not seem to be in detailed enough form for presentation to the Director. I do not think that paragraph 2 of the proposed memorandum is clear enough to be understandable to the Director, and I wonder whether the procedure outlined in paragraph 3 is the best answer.

2. Instead of sending the proposed memorandum to the Director and asking him for specific approval on particular paragraphs, I would like to submit an alternative proposal which would embody the preparation of a memorandum from the Director to the Deputy Director (Support), setting forth the fact that such and such is Agency policy or that the authority to perform certain functions is delegated to specific officers, and asking the Deputy Director (Support) to see that these provisions are embodied in the appropriate regulations. The approval of principles by the Director would then give the Deputy Director (Support) a certain amount of flexibility in developing language and making procedural changes from time to time, without the necessity of DCI concurrence in the changes as long as the principles were not violated.

3. I believe this would be a more satisfactory approach than having the Director approve specific language as embodied in the regulation, because his signature would then be required in the future whenever language changes in those particular paragraphs were deemed desirable.

OK  
JFK { 4. I would like to suggest that we shoot this back to [REDACTED] with the request that he explore the alternate proposal with [REDACTED] and develop a paper for presentation to the Director which would include exhibits demonstrating how this procedure would work in a particular instance, and also outline procedures for distributing and retaining copies of the Director's approvals. I have talked to Greg, and he is agreeable to restudying this. If you concur, I will prepare a transmittal slip for your signature.

Attachment